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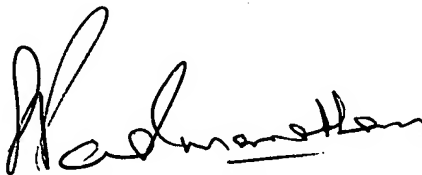
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The reply filed on 2/13/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has elected Group XII which is directed to methods utilizing a compound of A-X1-NO<sub>2</sub> with the formula Ia of subgroup VIA. However, applicant also made a species election directed to the first compound of claim 5. This species election does not correlate with formula Ia of subgroup VIA, but rather formula Ib.

Applicant must elect a new species (a single defined compound) within the scope of formula Ia of subgroupa VIA or keep the previously elected species (first compound of claim 5) and change the elected formula to Ib of subgroup VIA.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

  
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